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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORD- ING SECRETARY, 1906.

To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical Society:

The Recording Secretary submits this the *Thirteenth Annual Report*, beginning with the 84th meeting, January 8, 1906, and ending with the 90th meeting, December 10, of the same year.

The losses this year through death, resignation and other causes, have outnumbered the new members added during the same time, so that the Secretary's mailing-list shows only 237 paying members.

The Board of Managers has held 9 meetings, with an average attendance of 9 members. The Society has held 7 meetings in the Banquet Hall of the Hotel Shoreham, at which the average attendance has been about 97, a curious fact that shows that while the Society has been decreasing in membership, the interest manifested in its meetings has been steadily increasing.

November 13th, the Society gave its first social *evening* function, in the shape of a reception and buffet lunch to its members and their friends, an innovation that seemed to give much pleasure to those participating.

The current volume of *The Records* besides its valuable reading matter, presents 7 illustrations, reproductions of very old pictures and manuscripts.

In conclusion the Secretary wishes to call attention to the gift to the Society by Vice-President Barnard of the manuscript common-place book or diary of Judge Buckner Thruston. In his inaugural address, our first President, Dr. J. M. Toner, said: "Memorandums, diaries, journals, ledgers, deeds, wills, legal documents, records of courts and public meetings, petitions, remonstrances, resolutions, etc., all may be, at some

time or other, of special value and are at least worthy of examination, and, if not wholly commonplace, deserve a lodgment in the archives of an historical society." The Columbia Historical Society offers not only a lodgment but an appreciative welcome to any book, map, picture, document or manuscript bearing upon the history of our beloved country.

Faithfully,

MARY STEVENS BEALL,

Recording Secretary.

February 11, 1907.